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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2015 Franklin Opera House

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Anne Dubois (Canterbury), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), and Wayne Ives (Franklin)

Others Present: Brian Sullivan (City of Franklin) and Mr. Liolis

Members absent: Krista Crowell (Bow), Glen Brown (Northfield), Madeline Mineau (Concord), and Alan Larder (Franklin)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be **October 19, 2015 in Northfield.**

Membership

UMRLAC wished its departing Canterbury members Nancy Roy and Anne Emerson a fond farewell. Bill Dawson will check on his current membership status.

Establishment of a 501(c)(3)

Members should be thinking of potential names for the nonprofit.

Treasurer's Report

The July Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMLAC voted to accept the report and put it on file. Michele received several payments (GZA GeoEnvironmental, Aries Engineering, and Nelson Analytical/Aquarian Analytical Adopt-a-River Site payments). Gary conveyed the checks to Krista for deposit.

Wild and Scenic River

UMRLAC met with Franklin City Council on Wild and Scenic River designation. After a good dialog, the City Council voted to proceed with designation. Franklin will investigate designation of the tri-rivers in Franklin. Michele will follow up with New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation about sponsoring a bill. Rick discussed Concord's status and agreed to bring up designation during this weeks Conservation Commission meeting.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The high bacteria levels at the Sewalls Falls site (site 8) are not consistently encountered. The bacteria levels in the subsequent round dramatically dropped off. Madeline was unable to sample site 8 to evaluate the problem during dry weather flow because of rainfall during her site visit. Steve will continue to follow up on Site 8 and there is one additional bacteria sampling event scheduled for this year.

Rock basket retrieval will have to be staggered this year because deployment was staggered. All rock baskets will be retrieved approximately 7 weeks after deployment. The first rock basket retrieval will take place this Thursday.

Rhithron completed their QA/QC work on our biomonitoring samples. They will invoice us soon for their \$2,800 fee. Their work product, reference samples and digital library photos, has been shipped. The YSI meter has been partially fixed by DES and the remaining problematic probe is being worked on. We hope to partner with DES's Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) to use the YSI to supplement our biomonitoring.

Guest Speaker

Brian Sullivan was our guest speaker and his topic was stormwater utilities. Stormwater utilities function in an analogous fashion to similar water and wastewater utilities. These utilities can be an important source of funding for the maintenance of often neglected stormwater management systems and can prevent many of the problems with poorly maintained culvert and catch basin systems that are seen in New Hampshire. Brian described his experience in Florida and in New Hampshire. In Florida, he was very active with a countywide system of stormwater utilities and in New Hampshire he has explored the establishment of a stormwater utility in Franklin. He noted that a lot of the turbidity seen in rivers and streams is due to poor management and underfunding of stormwater systems. Franklin's budget for their stormwater system maintenance is only \$80,000/yr, for example.

Miscellaneous

Adrienne will be the August website reviewer. Comments on the Merrimack River Fact Sheet are due to Michele by the day after the meeting. Michele asked whether there are any comments on CNHRPC's impervious surface maps. There were no additional comments and CNHRPC will finalize the maps. The River Runners event sponsored by UMLAC was very successful and was attended by 12 people. The attendees were trained in spotting of invasive species. The Eastman Falls dam relicensing application was discussed. UMLAC will pursue intervenor status and Gary Lemay will draft a letter requesting to be an intervenor. UMLAC is interested in fish passage, portages and other issues associated with the application.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michele will follow up with the Congressional Delegation on Wild and Scenic River designation.- Michele will finalize comments on the Merrimack River Fact Sheet.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steve will continue to coordinate rock basket retrieval.- Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines.- Steve will check on the status of the after the fact permit application (Bow).
Adrienne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Website review.
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Think of names for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
Gary Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gary will prepare the August meeting minutes.
Glen and Anne Dubois	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Choose official interest.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop a letter seeking intervener status for the Eastman Falls dam relicensing.
Rick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and review the website.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary